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Dear Allen,

I refer to General Cabell's letter of 29 April 1961 setting forth the conditions under which the transfer to CIA of the Department's Biographic and National Intelligence Survey programs would be acceptable to the Agency.

As a result of the Civil Service Commission General Counsel's informal ruling that the withdrawal of these functions from the Department of State will be considered as a reduction in work rather than a transfer of functions, the Department is now able to accept the conditions stated in the General's letter.

The General Counsel emphasized that in making this ruling, he expected that State and CIA would jointly make every effort to transfer enough people to avoid a reduction in force in the State Department. I am sure we may expect the continued full cooperation of your staff in pursuing this objective.

There will also be the problem of working out fairly complex financial arrangements to cover the transitional and liquidation period. I believe members of your staff are aware of this problem and I feel sure that mutually satisfactory plans can be developed.

Sincerely,

Roger Hilsman

The Honorable HMA 52 11-28-61  
Allen Dulles,  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency,  
Washington.

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For your information.

Copies of this letter have been sent to the DD/S for necessary action and to the DD/I for information. The original of the letter will be shown to the Director.

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